

Chag Sameach & Shabbat Shalom!

חג שמחה ושבת שלום!

13 - 14 October 2017 23 - 24 Tishri 5778



Candlelightings:

Erev Shmini Atzeret 7.15 pm

Erev Simchat Torah 8.24 pm

Erev Shabbat 7.17 pm

Service Times for Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah:

Erev Shemini Atzeret, Wednesday 11 October 6.30 pm

Shemini Atzeret with Yizkor, Thursday 12 October 9.30 am

Erev Simchat Torah, Thursday 12 October 8.15 pm

Simchat Torah, Friday 13 October 9.30 am

Erev Shabbat Services, Friday 13 October 6.30 pm

Please note that musical Shabbat services will begin again on Friday 20th October.

Shabbat service begins at 9.30 am

Weekly Torah Portion:

Parashat Bereshit / פרשת בראשית

Torah: Genesis 1:1 - 2:1 - 3

Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5 - 43:10

Shabbat ends: 8.16 pm

From the President

As we approach the end of this very full on holy day season, I hope you are able to come along to Kehilat Nitzan for our Simhat Torah celebrations. We are honouring our Chatan Torah, Mark Sokolski, and our Kalah Bereshit, Ruth Mushin, on Friday. There is a very special traditional viewing of the Torah scroll which young children will be very interested in, I am sure, so please do join us!

Chag Sameach,

Zvi

Refuah Shleymah: We wish the following people a speedy and full recovery:

Margot Lustig

If someone has recently taken ill or should be taken off the list, please contact Lianne on 9500 0906 or lianne@kehilatnitzan.org.au or Sammy at gabbai@kehilatnitzan.org.au



What's on in a Nutshell:

Shabbat	14 Oct	: Iyun Bereishit Part I (after the service)
Sunday	15 Oct	: 'Zehoo' Children's Program, 9.30am (weekly)
Wednesday	18 Oct	: Morning Minyan, 7am (weekly)
Thursday	19 Oct	: A Literary Evening with Women's Rosh Chodesh group & KN Bookclub, 8pm
Shabbat	21 Oct	: Iyun Bereishit Part II (after the service)
Sunday	5 Nov	: Bridge Lessons for Beginners, 7.30pm
Sunday	19 Nov	: Mitzvah Day

Begin in the Beginning - First Iyun for 5778

Shabbat Bereishit 14 October 2017

Our first Iyun for the new year 5778 will take a fresh look at the first parasha, Parashat Bereishit. One dvar Torah on Shabbat is hardly enough to fully appreciate the depth and complexity of the Creation so we invite you come to two Iyunim to hear the story of the Creation from new perspectives. These will be based on traditional as well as contemporary interpretations and translations. Part One will take place on Shabbat Bereishit 14th October, and Part Two will be held the following Shabbat, 21st October. Both Iyunim will be led by Zvi Civins.



Women's Rosh Chodesh Meeting, Thursday 19 October, 8pm

The Rosh Chodesh Ladies group and the KN Book Club are combining together for a literary evening at Kehilat Nitzan. Megan Goldin, daughter of KN member Suzanne Goldin, will talk about her first, recently published novel, *'The Girl in Keller's Way'*. When a body is found buried near the desolate forest road of Kellers Way, Detective Melanie Carter must identify the victim if she is to have any chance of finding the killer. That's no easy task with fragmentary evidence from a crime committed years earlier and a conspiracy of silence from anyone who might have information. The book is available online and in local bookshops. **This meeting is open to all, not just members of the Book Club or Ladies Group.**

B'nei Mitzvah Reminder

If you have a child who will become bar/bat mitzvah in 2019, 2020 or 2021 at Kehilat Nitzan, and you have not as yet registered your child with the office, please contact Lianne on 9500 0906 or info@kehilatnitzan.org.au so that we can confirm the date and share with you details about the bar/bat mitzvah preparation and education. We require at least a year's notice. Thank you!

TORAH SPARKS

Following is an excerpt from *Torah Sparks*, the weekly d'var Torah publication from the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem.

A Vort for Parashat Bereshit by **Rabbi Daniel Goldfarb, CY Faculty**

In Genesis 5:5: "all Adam's days *asher chai, that he lived*, were 930," the words "that he lived" seem superfluous. The rabbis say that God originally intended that Adam live 1000 years – "a thousand years in your sight are like **a day**" (Ps. 90:4); "On **the day** that you eat from it you die" (Gen 2:17). But Adam gave 70 of his years to David, who in his depression said "I am a worm, not a man" (Ps 22:7), not worthy of living. So Adam lived only 930 of his allotted years. To think that we are all living on borrowed time is humbling; that it is borrowed from Adam *HaRishon*, from the time of Creation, should be inspiring.

Bridge Lessons for Beginners. Class starting Sunday 5 November at 7.30pm

- Fun to learn
- Great atmosphere
- Oxygen for your brain



For further information contact John on 9578 1265 or email dorajohnsojka@yahoo.com.au

MITZVAH DAY BLOOD DRIVE: If you would like to participate in the Blood Drive please contact Jeanette Mecoles mecoles@bigpond.com or call 0438 579 238.